

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Competitive Product Prices
International Merchandise Return Service Agreements
With Foreign Postal Operators
Non-Published Rates

Docket No. MC2016-94

Competitive Product Prices
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Non-Published Rates (MC2016-94)

Docket No. CP2016-119

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF
COMPETITIVE INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE RETURN SERVICE
AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN POSTAL OPERATORS 2 (IMRS-FPO 2) PRODUCT
TO THE COMPETITIVE PRODUCT LIST

(Issued March 9, 2016)

I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*, and Order No. 2639,¹ the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) filed a formal request and

¹ Docket Nos. MC2015-68 and CP2015-99, Order Conditionally Approving Addition of Competitive International Merchandise Return Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators (IMRS-FPO) to the Competitive Product List, August 4, 2015 (Order No. 2639).

associated supporting information to add Competitive International Merchandise Return Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 2 (IMRS-FPO 2) to the competitive products list.² If the proposed product is approved by the Commission, the Postal Service intends to file each new IMRS-FPO 2 agreement, along with the financial model inputs used to generate rates for each agreement, with the Commission in this docket “within a reasonable time, e.g., within 10 days of the effective date of the agreement.”³

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal; a redacted copy of Governors’ Decision No. 11-6, which authorizes Outbound International Competitive Agreements; a statement of supporting justification, as required by 39 CFR 3020.32; proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule; a copy of the IMRS-FPO 2 model agreement; a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a); a redacted copy of a related management analysis; and supporting financial workpapers.

II. NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-94 and CP2016-119 to consider the Request pertaining to the addition of IMRS-FPO 2 to the competitive products list.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than March 16, 2016. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission’s website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

² Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Competitive International Merchandise Return Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 2 (IMRS-FPO 2) Product to the Competitive Products List and Notice of Filing IMRS-FPO 2 Model Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, March 8, 2016 (Request).

³ Request at 2 (quoting Order 2639 at 8).

The Commission appoints Max E. Schnidman to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings (Public Representative).

III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-94 and CP2016-119 to consider the matters raised in each docket.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Max E. Schnidman is appointed to serve an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings (Public Representative).
3. Comments are due no later than March 16, 2016.
4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary